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The Nationwide Private Client approach to travel security extends beyond your insurance. Proper coverage is an important first step, but preparation is the key to prevention — especially when it comes to theft and your personal safety. To reduce your risk, consider incorporating the following prevention techniques into your everyday life.

Travel Security Tips

- Create a thorough home inventory before your trip to ensure nothing is missing when you return. The Insurance Information Institute allows you to catalog all of your belongings at <https://www.knowyourstuff.org>
- Do not post updates about your travel plans on social media. Post your vacation photos after you return home.
- Always use a covered luggage tag with your office address listed instead of your home address.
- In airports, it is important to guard your personal information. Keep your itinerary and identification in a safe place until a security agent requests it.
- In hotels, close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all the locking devices. For added security against break-ins, use a rubber doorstop. Always ask for a room located away from stairways or elevators.
- Protect your room key and never disclose your room number to anyone. If the front desk clerk says your room number out loud, ask for another room.
- Know your hotel's evacuation routes in case of an emergency.
- Place all valuables in your hotel safe or hotel management's safe deposit box.
- Refrain from displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry in public.
- Carry only the amount of cash absolutely necessary for your trip and use credit cards whenever possible. If your credit card is stolen, it can easily be canceled to limit your loss.
- Avoid telling the hotel staff or anyone you may meet that you are traveling alone. Criminals target those traveling alone so be vague as to where you are staying or the number of people in your party.
- Park your car in a well-lit area with high pedestrian traffic near other vehicles. Keep packages and valuables out of sight in your vehicle — either under a seat, in the glove box or trunk. Be certain your windows are rolled up and doors are locked when leaving your vehicle unattended.

- If traveling abroad, take extra care for your safety. Consult the US Department of State [Traveler's Checklist](#) for more helpful tips.

We offer this information to assist you in making decisions that can help mitigate your risk. While we cannot address every possible scenario or guarantee these tips will work for you, our goal is to support your efforts to protect yourself and your family. For more information, please email SCM's Private Risk Management Division at infoprms@nations.com or call 800.427.3253 and reference "Nationwide newsletter."



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